

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended.) A portable tool container comprising, in combination:

a molded, generally parallelepiped tub container including a bottom side, a front side, a back side, a first lateral side, a second lateral side, and an open top;

a telescoping handle mounted on the back side intermediate the first and second lateral sides, said back side including an integrally molded vertical passage on the back side with an open top side, said handle comprising ~~a plurality of~~ first and second telescoping members slidably mounted in the vertical passage;

said first member including a cross bar for manual gripping and said second member comprising a tubular housing for the first telescoping member, (the tubular housing including a first projecting stop member projecting outwardly from the housing adjacent the bottom end of the housing and a second stop member projecting outwardly from the housing vertically above the first stop member and spaced from the first stop member) to define a distance of telescoping travel of the tubular housing in the passage, (said passage including first and second projecting engagement tabs for engagement with the first and second stop members respectively), said first and second engagement tabs spaced a distance equal to the distance of telescoping travel; and

~~a first wheel and a second wheel, one of said~~ at least one wheel ~~[[s]]~~ supporting the container adjacent one side of the handle vertical passage ~~and the other of said wheels~~

~~supporting the container adjacent the other side of the handle vertical passage, each wheel mounted on an axle attached to the container back side.~~

3/ 2. (Currently amended.) The container of claim 1 wherein the handle housing further comprises a biased lever and the passageway includes a pocket for receipt of the biased lever when the housing is in the extended telescoped position to prevent retraction of the housing into the passageway ~~first and second telescoping members, said first member comprising a cross bar for manual gripping and said second member comprising a tubular housing for the first telescoping member.~~

3. (Currently amended.) The container of claim 1 wherein the vertical passage ~~has a vertical dimension and is open at the bottom end and the top end.~~

4. (Currently amended.) The container of claim 1 wherein the vertical passage has a vertical dimension less than the vertical dimension of the back side of the container.

5. (Currently amended.) The container of claim 2 ~~wherein the tubular housing includes a first projecting stop member projecting outwardly from the housing adjacent the bottom end of the housing, and a second stop member projecting outwardly from the housing vertically above the first stop member and spaced from the first stop member to define a distance of telescoping travel of the tubular housing in the passage, said passage including first and second projecting engagement tabs for engagement with the first and second stop members respectively, said first and second engagement tabs spaced a distance equal to the distance of telescoping travel~~ further including a cam member attached to the first member and engageable

with the biased lever of the housing to release the biased lever from the pocket upon retraction of the first member from a telescoped extended position in the housing.

3/ 6. (Currently amended.) The container of claim [[5]] 1 wherein the first member is slidably mounted in the second member, and wherein the first member includes a biased locking arm with an engagement hook, and wherein the second member includes first and second spaced engagement surfaces, said first and second engagement surfaces spaced vertically in the direction of travel of the first member in the second member, whereby the locking arm engages one of the engagement surfaces upon full telescoping extension, and engages the other surface upon full telescoping retraction into the second member.

7. (Original.) The container of claim 6 further including a housing stop member for engaging the first member upon movement of the full telescoping position to limit further telescoping movement from the housing.

8. (Currently amended.) The container of claim 6 further including a biasing cam surface in the housing for disengaging the biased locking arm from the housing upon movement of the ~~second~~ first member toward the telescoping position.

9. (Currently amended.) A portable tool container comprising, in combination:

a container tub having a generally vertical side wall;

a transport wheel attached to the tub ~~adjacent the side wall~~ for rolling support of the tub;

a telescoping handle attached to the side wall, said side wall including an integrally molded through passage for the handle;

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said handle including first and second telescoping members, said ~~first~~ second member comprising a housing for the ~~second~~ first member, said ~~first~~ second member slidably mounted in the through passage, said ~~second~~ first member slidably mounted in the ~~first~~ second member, said ~~first~~ second member and said passage each including projecting stop members which limit the telescopic movement of the ~~first~~ second member in the passage, said second member further including a first ledge and a second spaced ledge;

said ~~second~~ first member including a first biased stop member for engaging [[a]] either said first ledge or [a] second ledge of the ~~first~~ second member to thereby prevent telescoping movement of the ~~second~~ first member in one direction in the housing and said ~~second~~ first member further including a projecting stop member for engaging the housing for limiting telescopic extension of the ~~second~~ first member from the housing, said biased stop member manually engageable and releasable from one of said ledges.

10. (Original.) The container of claim 9 wherein the biased stop member is manually releasable when the second member is in the extended position.

11. (Original.) The container of claim 9 wherein the component parts are molded plastic.

12. (Original.) The container of claim 9 wherein the passage and housing have a generally rectangular cross sectional profile.

13. (Currently amended.) The container of claim 9 wherein the container includes first and second wheels mounted on the side wall with one wheel on each side of the passage.

14. (Currently amended.) The container of claim[[s]] 1 or claim 9 wherein the container includes an open top and a cover for the top.

15. (Currently amended.) The container of claim[[s]] 1 or claim 9 wherein the container includes one or more molded nesting trays.

16. (Currently amended.) The container of claim[[s]] 1 [[and]] or claim 9 including a cover for the container and a latch mechanism for retaining the cover on the container.

17. (New.) The container of claim 9 wherein the second member includes a second biased stop member and said side wall includes a pocket for receipt of said second stop member to limit retraction of the second member in the passage.

18. (New.) The container of claim 17 further including a cam surface on said second biased stop member for engagement by a cam driver on the first biased member to release the second stop member from the pocket.
